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Amended Claims

1. A koji mold belonging to the genus *Aspergillus*, *Rhizopus*, *Mucor* or *Penicillium*,  
5 wherein the proteolytic activity of which is not carbon repressed and wherein the *creA* gene has  
been mutated such that the gene product thereof is essentially non functional.
2. A koji mold according to claim 1, wherein the *creA* gene is not transcribed to a mRNA  
capable to be translated to a functional polypeptide.  
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3. A koji mold according to claim 1, wherein the *creA* gene has been deleted.
4. A koji mold according to claim 1 to 3, which is *Aspergillus oryzae* I-2165 (NF14).  
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5. A koji mold according to claim 1 to 4, wherein the *areA* gene or a functional derivative  
thereof is overexpressed.
6. A method of producing proteolytic enzymes, comprising cultivating a koji mold  
according to claims 1-5 in a suitable growth medium in the presence of a carbon source under  
20 conditions that the mold expresses proteolytic enzymes, and optionally isolating the enzymes in  
the form of a concentrate.
7. Use of the koji mold according to claim 1-5 for the hydrolysis of protein-containing  
materials.  
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8. Use according to claim 7, in combination with an enzyme and/or a microorganism  
providing a prolidase activity.